



# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution Awarding Contract for Public Works Department Tree Trimming 2007 to West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Stockton (\$18,290)

**MEETING DATE:** February 21, 2007

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution awarding the contract for Public Works Department Tree Trimming 2007 to West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Stockton, in the amount of \$18,290.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** This project provides for the structural pruning and maintenance trimming of approximately 310 City trees at various locations for the remainder of fiscal year 2006/07. The objective of this contract is to improve the health of our urban forest and reduce costs associated with this effort.

The per-tree cost of \$59 is a substantial reduction from previous bids with an average cost of \$159 per tree. This will allow for approximately three times the number of trees to be trimmed for the budgeted amount. The low bidder has provided this type of service for a number of cities (including Lodi) and is able to mobilize sufficient equipment and labor to provide a very low cost per tree. This bid is for the area along Pine, Oak and Walnut Streets between Hutchins Street and Church Street, south to Lodi Avenue, but it could include additional adjacent areas should funds become available. In addition to the grid pruning, there will be a number of optional bid items to cover other needed maintenance issues and emergency work to expedite response time. The contract will be for the remainder of fiscal year 2006/07 with options to renew, if mutually agreeable.

Street tree pruning specified in this contract is very different from the work done under electric utility line-clearing contracts. Those contracts require different worker training and equipment, and their goal is to protect utility lines, not the overall health and aesthetics of the tree, as is done in this contract. In addition, much of the utility work is done in rear yard easements while this work is all in streets. Thus, cost per tree is not at all comparable between the two types of contracts.

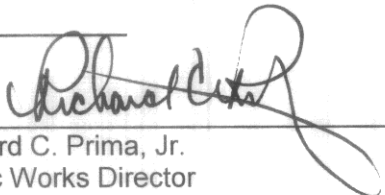
The specifications were approved on January 17, 2007, and are on file in the Public Works Department. The City mailed out seven bid packets and received the following two bids on February 1, 2007:

Bidder	Location	Bid
West Coast Arborists, Inc.	Stockton	\$18,290
Grover Landscape Services, Inc.	Modesto	\$68,200

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This annual contract totals \$18,290 and will be funded from the Streets and Drainage operating budget.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** This project is funded from the Street and Drainage operating budget.

  
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APPROVED: 

Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY  
COUNCIL AWARDING THE CONTRACT  
FOR TREE TRIMMING 2007

WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on February 1, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., for Tree Trimming 2007, described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on January 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

<u>Bidder/Location</u>	<u>Bid</u>
West Coast Arborists, Inc., Stockton	\$18,290
Grover Landscape Services, Inc., Modesto	\$68,200

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Stockton, California, in the amount of \$18,290.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby awards the contract for Tree Trimming 2007 to the low bidder, West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Stockton, California, in the amount of \$18,290.

Dated: February 21, 2007

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-30 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 21, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk